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Laws 1955, chapter 375.

The Honorable Lane Dwinell  
Governor of New Hampshire  
Concord, New Hampshire

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Dear Governor Dwinell:

You have inquired whether it is your duty or authority, or both, under the provisions of Joint Resolution No. 10 (Laws 1955, chapter 375) to appoint a watch dog for the purpose of taking charge of the spending of the appropriations called for thereunder. My answer is in the negative.

No matter what the previous practice may have been, the law as passed in its present form appropriates \$1500. to the New Hampshire Veterans Association for repairs and maintenance, as more fully set forth therein. This appropriation to this incorporated veterans' organization (Laws 1881, chapter 161) permits of no independent watch dog authority and calls for none. The corporation is an entity and the money has been appropriated to it and should be paid to it upon proper application.

The Governor and Council as a part of its general powers is entitled to require substantial proof that the application is for purposes which by specification comply with the formula "repairs and maintenance" but beyond that the dispersal of the money is in the direction of the officers of the corporation and no requirement for a special appointment exists or is authorized.

Respectfully,

Louis C. Wyman  
Attorney General

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